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advancement of the bill.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, only to say that these are necessary changes that I think that have been asked for by the Department of Revenue. They make sense and hopefully they help some of our struggling charitable gaming organizations throughout the state. With that, I'd ask for your green light on advancement of this cleanup bill.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the closing on advancement. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 1086. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Members, please vote, if you care to. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 1086.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: LB 1086 advances. We next move to LB 495. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 495 introduced by Senator Stuhr. (Read title.) Introduced January 15 of last year, referred to the Education Committee. The bill was discussed on last year, Mr. President, in March. At that time there were committee amendments and amendments to the committee amendments that were offered, some of which prevailed. Ultimately, the committee amendments were defeated, Mr. President. This morning I do have amendments to the bill.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Stuhr, you're recognized to open on the bill.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature. Some of you may recall that we did have a discussion on LB 495, which is the Education and Career Preparation Act, last session and could really not reach a consensus. This area is, as many of you know, is dealing with the vocational technical area, courses for students and providing some equipment and such in the various schools. I do believe that our world is changing and that technology begins or continues to play a very significant role in our lives and schools and that we need to prepare our students for the future.